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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2625

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR COLOR DATA GENERATION

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Washington at the interview held May 28 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the differences between U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0072016 (Dalrymple) and the pending claims. In particular, Dalrymple requires that one LUT is used for color conversion when two or more of input CMY values are equal, but requires interpolation of three LUTs when the input CMY values are not equal. Thus, Dalrymple fails to disclose or suggest "selecting only one black data generating table dependently on color of the extracted minimum value irrespective of whether the three color values in the received set of color data are different from one another," as recited in claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Dalrymple. Independent claim 11 recites similar features to those referred to in connection with claim 1.

As also discussed during the interview, Dalrymple does not disclose a method including the step of "correcting the color values for cyan, magenta, and yellow in the received color data set by subtracting the generated value for black from the three values for cyan, magenta, and yellow, respectively," as recited in new claim 21. For example, paragraph [0068] and Equation 3, which are cited in the outstanding Office Action, refers to traditional UCR and GCR techniques (see paragraph [0062]), and not to the color conversion techniques discussed throughout the remainder of Dalrymple. Thus, claim 21 is patentable over Dalrymple. Independent claim 23 recites similar features to those referred to in connection with claim 21.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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